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Subj: Treasure Island - future status.

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1. Here are a few ideas for planning in connection with NSCID-16.
2. I see some indications - vague and scattered, none of which I have had any opportunity or special occasion to follow up - that the future status of Treasure Island is a little uncertain. Lieut. Berry, ORR, mentioned the rumor he heard some time ago that AF was going to discontinue Treasure Island. Several months ago Milton Giffler, now with AF intelligence (transportation), told me that he had some TI personnel translating specifically for some of his projects. Also, his chief (possibly at [redacted]'s instigation) asked [redacted] to submit to him some FDD reports for comparison with the work of TI. [redacted] is strong for our type and quality of work, and there may have been some general appraisal of TI being made in AF.

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3. The problem of the duplication involved in the operations of FDD and TI will ~~presum~~ presumably come up in connection with NSCID 16. As a desirable solution of that problem I suggest the following.

- a. Treasure Island is a valuable collection of linguistic and partially trained intelligence manpower. It has a connection with the Library of Congress of great value, and greater potential value, to foreign document intelligence, with its prior access to new accessions and its people integrated into the cataloging work. These advantages should be preserved.

- b. Treasure Island should be taken over by ~~Fdd~~ CIA and put under FDD. All personnel ~~mana~~ clearable should be incorporated into FDD. A contract should be made by CIA with LC to retain the others, under the direction of cleared personnel, as a unit in the Library of Congress to retain the advantages of the present set-up, for unclassified or restricted translation, research and bibliographic work. This latter group should be under the direction of FDD.

4. Air Force interests, and the present scope of Treasure Island's work, are so broad in the fields covered that it should not be difficult to get Air Force agreement to such a ^{probably} plan; no great concessions to AF specific interests would be required.

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